

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In order to manage the storage within the source partition, block device driver 100 ~~[[108]]~~ creates for its exclusive use a virtual partition file 108 in source partition 110. Virtual partition file 108 is not necessarily contiguous. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Source partition 270 includes 32 sectors divided into a designated truncated partition area 272 and a designated new partition area 274. Sectors are referenced according source partition file system 260 unless otherwise indicated. Sectors are indexed 0-31 by source partition file system 260. Designated truncated partition area 272 includes sectors 0-15. Designated new partition area 274 includes sectors 16-31 and is the area of partition 270 ~~[[220]]~~ in the process of becoming the new partition. In general, designated new partition area 274 may include any number of sectors, up to the limit of the free space in the source partition and the contiguous free space to the right of the source partition, whichever is exhausted first. --